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SWAMP THING AND SOLOMON GRUNDY WITH SUPERMAN IN DC COMICS PRESENTS #8!

Without doubt the most unusual team-up in recent DC history takes place this month as The Swamp Thing returns to guest-star with Superman in a bizarre battle against Solomon Grundy in DC COMICS PRESENTS #8!

The strange chemical reaction that created the Earth- 1 Solomon Grundy many years ago is active once again! In the sewers beneath Metropolis, dozens of new Grundys are born... deadly births that menace all mankind!

The Man of Steel swears to destroy these deadly dopplegangers-- but The Swamp Thing believes the same process that created Grundy may hold the secret of transforming him back to human form. Join guest-scripter Steve Englehart and artist Murphy Anderson for the battle of the swamp-creatures in "The Sixty Deaths of Solomon Grundy."

DC COMICS PRESENTS #8, with a cover by Garcia-Lopez, goes on sale January 11th.

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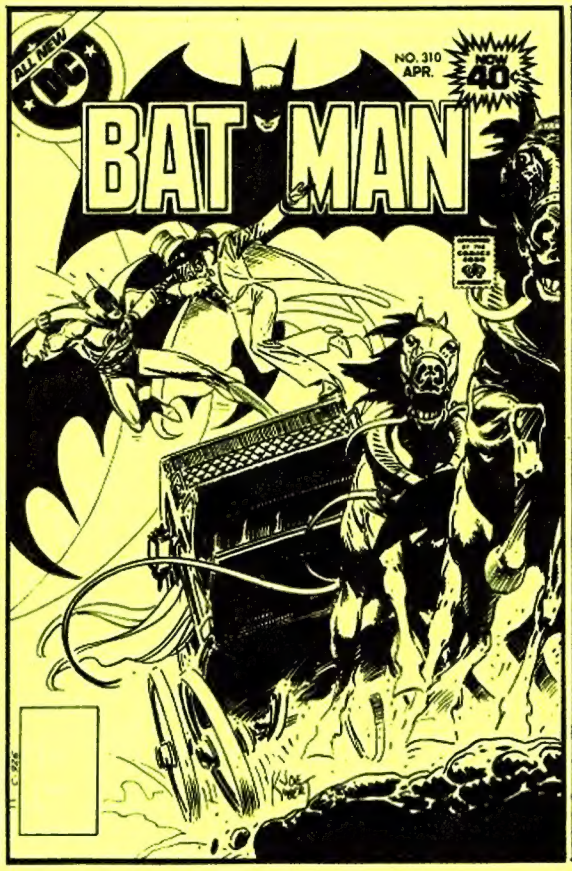

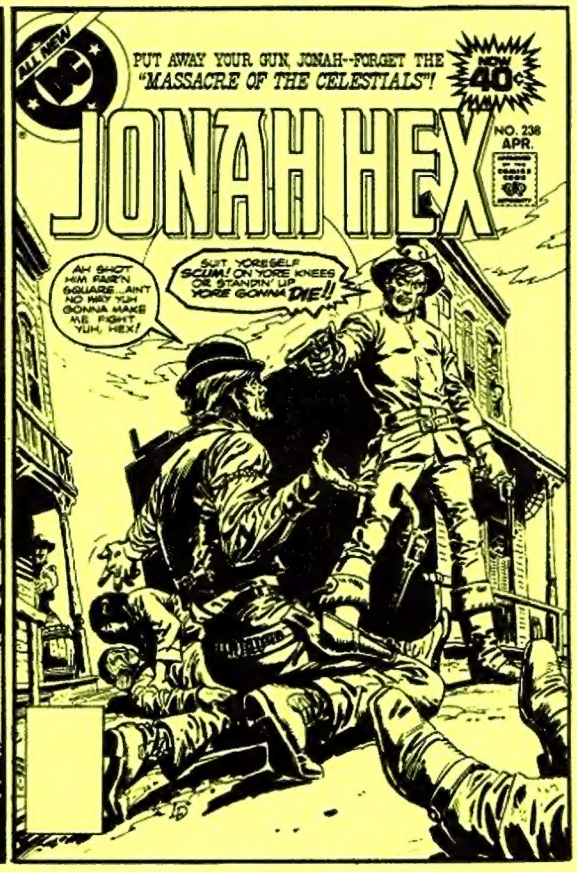
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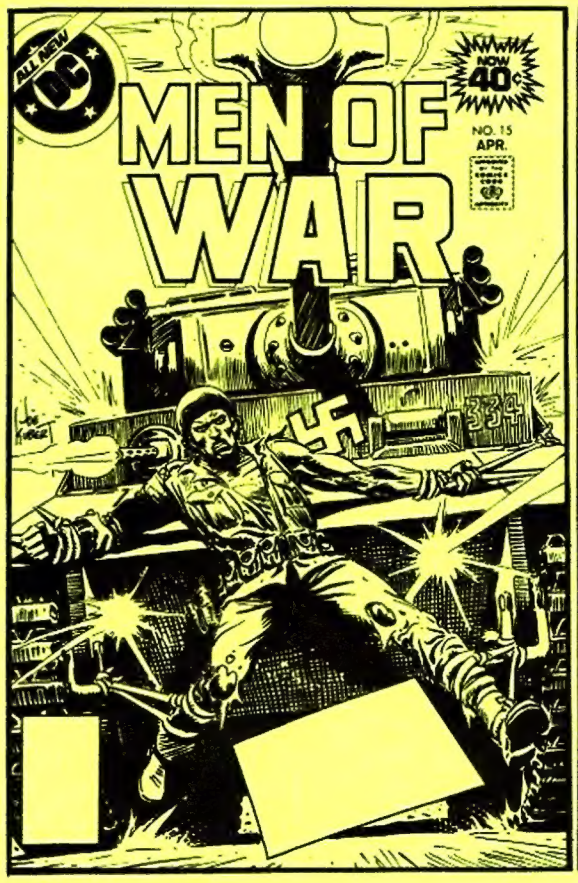

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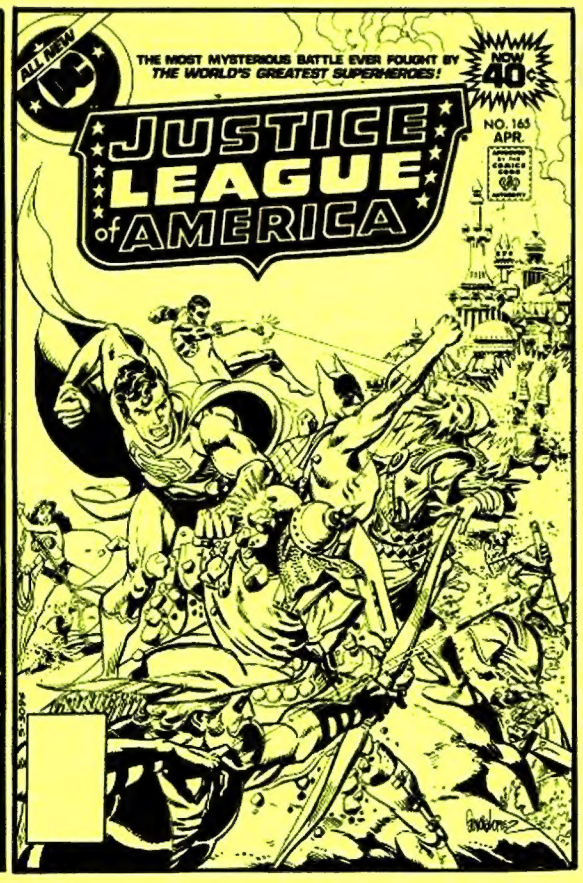

BATMAN CELEBRATES 40TH ANNIVERSARY IN DETECTIVE COMICS #483!

Forty years ago this month, the 27th issue of **DETECTIVE COMICS** hit the newsstands. Featured on the cover was a brand-new, original character, the Darknight Detective... The Batman!

Now, after 456 consecutive appearances in the pages of **DETECTIVE COMICS**, The Batman celebrates this anniversary with a return to the place where it all began: Crime Alley! It was there his parents were murdered, and it is there he returns every year on the night that tragic event occurred! Join The Batman on this solemn occassion in "The Curse of Crime Alley," by Denny O'Neil, Don Newton and Dan Adkins.

And to further celebrate the occassion, Len Wein and Steve Ditko present The Demon in "Return to Castle Branek!" The Demon, Etrigan, engages in mystical combat with Baron Tyme for possession of the Eternity Book... a battle that ends at the tomb of Merlin!

Christopher Chance, The Human Target, takes on "The Lights, Camera... Murder Contract" and finds himself face-to-face with death in Hollywood in this tale by Wein, Howard Chaykin and Dick Giordano.

Robin, The Teen Wonder appears in solo-action as he tries to avoid "Terminus" at the hands of the Maze, by Bob Rozakis, Kurt Schaffenberger and Dave Hunt.

An evening out with a super-heroine turns out to be more than a guy bargains for as "A Date With Batgirl" becomes a battle with terrorists, by Rozakis, Bob Oksner and Vince Colletta.

And rounding out this anniversary tribute, The Public Life of Bruce Wayne is presented with "Gotham's Great Kangaroo Race." Wayne stages a race with the prize of $125,000 to go to a... crook! It's all in a story by O'Neil, Dick Dillin and Frank McLaughlin.

With a front cover by Garcia-Lopez and a special pin-up back cover by Dick Giordano, **DETECTIVE COMICS** (featuring The Batman Family) #483, goes on sale January 11th.

SUPERBOY & LEGION CELEBRATE 250TH ISSUE WITH JIM STARLIN TALE!

Another landmark is celebrated this month in the pages of SUPERBOY & THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES as the Teen of Steel and his 30th century comrades reach their 250th issue!

On hand to make this anniversary extra-special is artist extraordinaire Jim Starlin with the first half of a deadly race against time to uncover the traitor in the Legion's midsts!

Plotted and penciled by Starlin, scripted by Paul Levitz and inked by Dave Hunt, this Legion epic was originally scheduled to appear in this year's Legion Spectacular.

With a cover by Joe Staton and Dick Giordano SUPERBOY & THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES #250 goes on sale January 25th.

BLACK LIGHTNING & HAWKMAN GUEST-STAR IN WORLD'S FINEST #256!

Hawkman and Black Lightning make their debuts in the pages of WORLD'S FINEST COMICS this month in solo and team-up action, respectively.

First, Hawkman begins his own regular series with Hawkgirl as the pair of Thanagarian crime-fighters risk life, limb and feather in a deadly battle against creatures from outer space. Join scripter Steve Englehart and artist Murphy Anderson for the first of this new series, "Prey of the Harpies!"

And Black Lightning starts off his stint in WORLD'S FINEST as a guest-star in this issue's Green Arrow tale. The Emerald Archer tries to track down the master criminal who planned the theft of his Arrow Car, but in order to find him he must first get past Black Lightning in this story by Denny O'Neil, Dick Dillin and Frank Chiaramonte, "Night of the Dark Avenger."

Leading off this issue is Superman and Batman as the World's Finest Heroes get a new creative team! Denny O'Neil begins his newest assignment with "The Werewolf from Krypton," with art by Murphy Anderson.

Black Canary is menaced by an evil gypsy woman in a deserted amusement park... a menace she must face on "The Night the Cry Failed," by Gerry Conway, Jose Delbo and Vince Colletta.

And Captain Marvel is back... this time with the true story behind the death of Billy Batson's parents. But can Captain Marvel stop their murderer from striking again? Find out in "The Gamester's Death Wager," by E. Nelson Bridwell, Don Newton and Kurt Schaffenberger.

WORLD'S FINEST COMICS #256, with a cover laid out by Ross Andru, penciled and inked by Dick Giordano, goes on sale January 11th.

LEVITZ TAKES OVER AS BATMAN EDITOR!

After almost 15 years under the guidance of Julius Schwartz, The Batman gets a new outlook as Paul Levitz takes up editorial duties on the Caped Crusader (as well as in Detective Comics and The Brave & Bold) with BATMAN #310!

Along with Levitz's editorial debut is the debut of a new villain for the Darknight Detective, Hawkman's own Gentleman Ghost! Do not miss "The Ghost Who Haunted Batman," scripted by Len Wein, with pencils by returning Batman artist Irv Novick and inks by Dick Giordano.

Featuring a cover by Joe Kubert, BATMAN #310 goes on sale January 11th.

ODD ITEMS, NOTEWORTHY NEWS

In his long career, the Man of Steel has faced many a strange crook, but never one like Opticus, "The Man Who Stole Superman's Eyes." Join writer Martin Pasko and artists Curt Swan and Frank Chiaramonte for the thrilling adventures in SUPERMAN #334.... And the Man of Tomorrow's troubles are just as strange in the pages of ACTION COMICS #494! Perry White receives information telling that Superman once considered using a different 'S' insignia-- but who would know enough about this to tell Perry? Clark and Lois travel to Smallville to find out in "The Secret of the Super-'S'" by Cary Bates, Curt Swan and Frank Chiaramonte.... The Flash ends his battle with The Clown and meets "The Girl With the Master-Mind" in FLASH #272. And at home and at work, Barry Allen's troubles continue to grow in this story scripted by Cary Bates, with art by Rich Buckler and Frank Chiaramonte.... The gods are displeased with Wonder Woman and decide to test her anew with the "Angle In The Stars!" Join writer Jack C. Harris and penciler Jose Delbo and the Amazing Amazon as she battles the Angle Man in WONDER WOMAN #~~2~~54!

Who is The Crumbler? What are his plans for his criminal career? And how can Green Lantern and Green Arrow stop him while both are hospitalized? And why has the Emerald Gladiators power ring failed? All these questions are answered in "The Vengeance of The Crumbler" in GREEN LANTERN/GREEN ARROW #115, by Denny O'Neil, Alex Saviuk and Dave Hunt.... The Caped Crusader teams-up with the Teen Titans to track down a mysterious figure who turns Gotham City runaways to crime in BRAVE & BOLD #149. "Look Homeward Runaway" is by Bob Haney and Jim Aparo.... Green Arrow and Red Tornado join the newest member of the JLA, Zatanna, as she battles the people of her mother's race in the 165th issue of the JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA, "A Mother of Magic," by Gerry Conway, Dick Dillin and Frank McLaughlin.... Gleep, the Super-Twins' pet, is stolen by the Managerie Man and the Super-Friends must solve the "Mystery of the Missing Monkey," by E. Nelson Bridwell, Ramona Fradon and Bob Smith in SUPER FRIENDS #19.

There's also battle action aplenty this month. Starting it out is MEN OF WAR #15 starring Ulysses Hazard, the Gravedigger! DC's newest battle-star fights alongside savage nomads in the Egyptian desert to track down "The Man With the Opened Eye" by Jack C. Harris, Dick Ayers and Romeo Tanghal. Also in this issue: "Wolf Pack," by Bill Kelley, Larry Hama and Jack Abel; and "Sentry," by Bob Haney, Mike Nasser and Bob Smith.... DC's third Dollar Comic offering of the month is G.I. COMBAT #213, featuring tales of the Haunted Tank, O.S.S., Gunner and Sarge and much more!.... WEIRD WAR TALES #74 features a trio of tales from three wars: "March of the Mammoth," by Jack C. Harris, and Alfredo Alcala; "The Cold War," by Paul Kupperberg, George Evans and Bob Smith; and "Dead Image," by Bill Kelley and Ric Estrada....

The Unknown Soldier is ordered to "Sink the Kronhurst" in UNKNOWN SOLDIER #226, scripted by Bob Haney, with art by Dick Ayers and Gerry Talaoc. And the first part of a new series about a very unorthodox medic by Bill Kelley and Fred Carillo, "Andy Stewart, Combat Nurse," is presented.... And DC's premiere war hero, Sgt. Rock, leads Easy Co. on another dangerous mission in war-torn Europe in SGT. ROCK #327 by Robert Kanigher and Frank Redondo.

Jonah Hex falls in love with the daughter of a slain Chinese railroad worker and swears to avenge her father's death in "Massacre of the Celestials" in JONAH HEX #23 by Michael Fleisher and guest-artists Dick Ayers and Romeo Tanghal... Scalphunter engages in a deadly chase through San Francisco with a man named Samson Smith in WEIRD WESTERN TALES #54. "Blockade" is by Gerry Conway, Dick Ayers and Luis Dominguez.... "The Legend of Lettie Lowry," drawn by Rudy Nebres, is just one of the horrifying tales in GHOSTS #75!

SHIPPING INFORMATION

SHIPPING THE WEEK OF December 19th FOR RELEASE THE WEEK OF January 11th:
Men of War #15 / DC Comics Presents #8 / Batman #310 / Flash #272 / Jonah Hex #23 / Weird War Tales #74 / Justice League of America #165 / Ghosts #75 / Detective Comics #483 / World's Finest Comics #256 / G.I. Combat #213

SHIPPING THE WEEK OF January 2nd FOR RELEASE THE WEEK OF January 25th:
Superman #334 / Sgt. Rock #327 / Superboy and the Legion of Super-Heroes #250 / Brave & Bold #149 / Weird Western Tales #54 / House of Mystery #267 / Action Comics #494 / Wonder Woman #254 / Super Friends #19/ Green Lantern-Green Arrow #115 / Unknown Soldier #226 / Warlord #20